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AUSTRALIA.

Plague at Brisbane and Sydney—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,
Brisbane, May 28, 1904.

Plague Bulletin No. 16—week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, 28th instant.

The following cases of plague occurred in Brisbane on the dates specified, respectively:

May 23.—A youth, 19 years of age, employed as a stable attendant at Breakfast Creek, where he also resided;

May 25.—A school boy, 8 years of age, residing at Brown street, Kingsholme; and

May 27.—A youth, 14 years of age, employed in a produce store in South Brisbane, and residing at Qualtrough street in the same locality.

Plague hospital.

Admitted during the week	3
Died during the week	nil.
Discharged during the week	nil.
Remaining under treatment	8
Total number of cases that have occurred in Brisbane since February 10, 1904	21
Total number of cases that have occurred in Cairns since February 16, 1904	2

Rats.—Report for week ended May 27, 1904.

Rats examined at Bacteriological Institute	272
Rats infected	16
Mice examined at Bacteriological Institute	169
Mice infected	nil.
Rats destroyed	213
Mice destroyed	235
Total number of rodents destroyed	905

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Commissioner of Public Health.

Bulletin No. 17, for the week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, 4th instant.

BRISBANE, *June 4, 1904.*

A youth, 17 years of age, employed as a draper's assistant in the valley, was on June 1 declared to be suffering from plague, and was removed to the plague hospital.

Plague hospital.

Admitted during the week	1
Died during the week	0
Discharged during the week	1
Remaining under treatment	8
Total number of cases that have occurred in Brisbane since February 10, 1904	22
Total number of cases that have occurred in Cairns since February 16, 1904	2

Rats.—Report for week ended June 3, 1904.

Rats examined at Bacteriological Institute	409
Rats infected	[a] 91
Mice examined at Bacteriological Institute	159
Mice infected	1
Rats destroyed	296
Mice destroyed	209
Total number of rodents destroyed	1,165

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Commissioner of Public Health.

Plague at Sydney.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
Sydney, May 30, 1904.

Bubonic plague—Bulletin No. 13.

Week ended at 1 p. m. on Saturday, May 28, 1904.

PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total examined.
Total number of rodents destroyed during week	1,812	1,418	.....
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week	541	647	1,188
Number of rodents found infected	17	.....	[a] 17

[a] Eight of these were taken from lumber yard, Darlington, 5 from Federal wharf, Darling Harbor (see below), 4 from adjacent wharves.

PLAGUE IN MAN.

Cases during week ended May 28, 1904	[b] 1
Deaths during week ended May 28, 1904	0
Discharged from hospital May 28, 1904	0
Remaining under treatment May 28, 1904	4

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Report from Fiume—Inspection of immigrants.

Acting Consular Agent La Guardia reports, June 29, 1904, as follows:

June 28 steamship *Slavonia;* destination, New York; steerage passengers inspected, 398, rejected 2, embarked 396; pieces of baggage inspected, 470; pieces of baggage disinfected, 45 (feathers and bedding).

[a] Seventy-nine of these rats were found on the premises of a produce store, South Brisbane. The departmental rat and cleansing gang, of 20 men, are occupied on these premises, which have been isolated.

[b] On May 27, 1904, a case of plague was observed in a man attached to harbor trust cleansing staff. He had been working at the Federal wharf, from which 5 plague rats were taken during the week.